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FM AMEMBASSY MEXICO

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EIND, MX

SUBJ: SHORT SUPPLY PROBLEMS

REF: STATE 023940

1. SUPPLY AVAILABLE TO DOMESTIC MARKET DETERMINES AMOUNTS CURRENT MEXICAN EXPORTS OF FOLLOWING STEEL AND METAL PRODUCTS: IRON OR STEEL BARS, TIN PLATE CUTTINGS, IRON OR STEEL WIRE, IRON OR STEEL BARBED WIRE, BAILING WIRE, IRON OR STEEL CABLE, CRANKS, COUPLINGS, CROSSES, NIPPLES, REDUCERS OR REDUCING VALVES, PLUGS, IRON OR STEEL T'S OR OTHER JOINTS FOR PIPING, IRON OR STEEL GALVANIZED SHEETS, IRON OR STEEL STRIPS OR PIPE LENGTHS OF PAINTED AND UNPAINTED LAMINATED TIN PLATE, IRON OR STEEL STRUCTURES, CYLINDRICAL BARS AND COPPER INGOTS, AND ZINC SHEETS. SENIOR OFFICIAL SECRETARIAT OF INDUSTRY AND CO\*MERCE HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT THESE ITEMS SUBJECT TO CLOSE SCRUTINY TO DETERMINE THAT ADEQUATE SUPPLY AVAILABLE FOR LOCAL NEEDS BEFORE EXPORT WILL BE AUTHORIZED. (SEE MEXICO 8472.)

2. FOR A REPORT ON MEXICAN EXPORT CONTROL OF STEEL PRODUCTS SEE MEXICO A-589 OF 11/23/73 AND MEXICO 8472.  
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SINCE MOST OF THE ABOVE PRODUCTS AS WELL AS FERROUS

SCRAP ARE IN SUCH SHORT SUPPLY, IN EMBASSY'S VIEW  
LITTLE EXPORTATION OF THESE PRODUCTS IS LIKELY TO  
BE PERMITTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. CONTROL MECHANISM  
USED IS CASE-BY-CASE GOM REVIEW AND APPROVAL.

3. EMBASSY POUCHING DEPT. (ARA/MEX) SEPARATE  
INFORMATION ON RESTRICTIONS HENEQUEN EXPORTS.

4. PRODUCTION AND SALES OF ALL PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (CRUDE,  
REFINED, GAS, PRIMARY PETROCHEMICALS) IS HANDLED BY  
PETROLEOS MEXICANOS(PEMEX, STATE OIL AGENCY) WHICH  
FOLLOWS POLICY OF MEETING DOMESTIC DEMANDS PRIOR TO  
UNDERTAKING EXPORT SALES. WITH EXCEPTION SMALL-SCALE  
BORDER TRANSACTIONS AND EXPORTS OF RESIDUAL FUEL  
(CURRENTLY AT RATE OF 25,000-30,000 BARRELS PER DAY),  
GENERAL PEMEX POLICY IS TO DENY EXPORT APPROVALS. EXPORTS  
OF SECONDARY PETROCHEMICALS (WHICH CAN BE MANUFACTURED BY  
PRIVATE MEXICAN COMPANIES) ALSO DEPEND ON PRIOR  
SATISFACTION DOMESTIC DEMAND, AND MUST BE APPROVED BY  
PEMEX BEFORE SECRETARIAT OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE WILL  
AUTHORIZE EXPORT.

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